

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
COIMBATORE.**

**Present: Tmt. G. VIJAYA, B.A., M.L., PGDCFS,
PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, COIMBATORE**

Tuesday, this the 10th day of March, 2026

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.909/2026

Lakshmanan (Age 47 years)
S/o. Karuppaiah.

... Petitioner / Accused

/vs/

State, Rep. by
through the Inspector of Police,
**Sundarapuram Police Station,
Crime No.108/2026.**

Offences:u/s.6(b) and 24(1) of COTPA (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act and Sec.123 of BNS and Sec.77 of JJ Act.

Through the Public Prosecutor, Coimbatore. ... Respondent
(The District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate Court, Madukkarai.)

This petition filed on behalf of the petitioner to release him on bail u/s.483 of BNSS.

This petition is coming on this day for final hearing before this Court in the presence of **Tvl. R. Praveen and B.Reshma**, Advocates for the Petitioners / Accused and **Thiru. V. Ravichandran, Public Prosecutor**, represented for State, upon perusing the petition submitted and upon hearing both side arguments, this Court pronounced the following:-

ORDER

Heard both side.

The petitioner is the accused in Crime No.108/2026 of Sundarapuram Police Station, for the alleged offence u/s.6(b) and 24(1) of COTPA (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act and Sec.123 of BNS and Sec.77 of JJ Act, he has filed this petition, seeking grant of bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused was found in possession of 2 kgs of banned tobacco products and thereafter, based on his confession, the respondent police seized 110 kgs of banned tobacco products from his house and totally the respondent police recovered 113 kgs 495 grams of banned tobacco products. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he is the sole bread winner of his family and he has been falsely roped in this case and he never indulged in any such activities as alleged and he is ready to abide any condition and he is in judicial custody for the past 8 days and prays to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

4. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that initially the respondent police seized 2 kgs of banned tobacco products from the petitioner and thereafter, based on his confession, the respondent police seized 110 kgs of banned tobacco products from his house and totally the respondent police recovered 113 kgs 495 grams of banned tobacco products. On enquiry, it appears that the petitioner kept the same for selling it to school students. No previous case is reported against the petitioner. Investigation is in initial stage and opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. After considering the submissions, considering the nature of offence, though no previous case is attributed against the petitioner, having regard to the quantum of contraband seized in this case, as the respondent police arrested the petitioner recently and investigation is in preliminary stage, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Hence, this petition is dismissed.

This order is dictated to steno-typist, typed by her, corrected and pronounced by me on this 10th day of March, 2026.

PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
COIMBATORE.

CC to :

1. The District Munsif - Cum- Judicial Magistrate Court, Madukkarai.
2. The Public Prosecutor, Coimbatore.
3. The Inspector of Police, Sundarapuram Police Station,
4. Counsel for the Petitioner / Accused.